

Notes on ORI Turkish report.

The report is good, considering the limited time in which it was produced. In plan and emphasis it differs considerably from JANIS, Chapter I, Brief, especially as follows:

1. Length. The report is longer than the introductory summary of JANIS, Chapter I, but not nearly as long as the entire chapter. The JANIS plan of having an analytical, general, summary, followed by topically arranged details, would meet the needs of more types of users.

2. Detail. A perhaps unnecessary vagueness in some parts of the report is partially compensated for by the addition of several appendices. The longest appendix is a reprint of the Turkish constitution in full. There is something to be said for the inclusion of such a document, particularly where a constitution is fairly recent or if it gives insight into the machinery and goals of the government. JANIS, with more time for writing, has gone farther in working some of the constitutional provisions into the pertinent parts of the text, but contributors might be asked in the future to weigh the advisability of also appending a copy of the constitution. JANIS might well expand its analysis of newspapers, with summaries of editorial policies of leading papers, as was done in the Turkish report appendix.

3. History. Nearly half the text of the Turkish report is historical: the history of recent internal development and of recent foreign relations. This material is pertinent and valuable. For a longer study such as JANIS, Chapter I, so high a percentage of history would be disproportionate. In JANIS, most historical material has been worked into the text of relevant topics, and does not appear as large historical sections.

4. Gaps. The principal felt lack in the Turkish report is the deficiency of specific localized information. There is no description of land configuration -- no suggestion that the coastal area, for example, is not a plain but a series of small valleys separated from each other and from the interior by rough land. Climatic differences are barely and

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inadequately mentioned. There is no appraisal of cities and their relative importance, except some ports. The health section is vague and inadequate except perhaps in regard to health administration. The railroad section is needlessly inadequate. The section on The People is admittedly oversimplified, but this is to be remedied.